

SWEDEN IS ONLY TOOL OF BERLIN

MEXICO MIXED IN SCANDAL TO BETRAY THE UNITED STATES THROUGH SWEDEN.

MEXICO APPARENTLY FOOLED

Germany to Decorate Horse Minister in Cactus Republic if He Gives Information Without Exciting Suspicion.

Washington.—Another count in the indictment against anti-neutral Sweden has been filed in the court of world opinion by the American state department. It is backed by evidence showing collusion between Swedish and German diplomatic officers to transmit military news from Mexico to Berlin through the medium and under the cover of the Swedish diplomatic code.

It is confidently expected here that the Carranza government of Mexico, now looking to the United States for a substantial loan to tide it over its financial difficulties, will take measures such as those taken and under consideration by Argentina, which will unmistakably record its resentment of the Swedish-German violation of its hospitality and diplomatic privilege.

The state department's disclosure, made public, consists of the text of the translation of a letter written in March, 1916, by Admiral von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico, to Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, the then German chancellor. The letter recommended that the crown order of the second class be bestowed by Emperor William on Folke Cronholm, the Swedish charge d'affaires in Mexico City, for having aided in the transmission of military news to the German government.

"Able to Get Data."

"He is the only diplomat through whom information from a hostile camp can be obtained," wrote the German minister to the imperial chancellor in giving his reasons why Germany should show its gratitude of Herr Cronholm's services.

The most serious portion of the confidential letter which Minister von Eckhardt wrote to the chancellor directly concerns the Swedish government. The German minister in Mexico City suggested that, as secrecy was necessary until the end of the war, "in order not to excite the enemy's suspicion," it would be well to tell no one of the conferring of the decoration, except the Swedish recipient of the honor and the Swedish government.

This reference was interpreted here as indicating that the Swedish government was in on the deal by which the result of spy work in behalf of Germany was to be made known to the German authorities in Berlin through the Swedish foreign office at Stockholm. There is no apparent fear in Minister Eckhardt's letter that the Swedish government would object to the Kaiser decorating its charge in Mexico for unneutral services to Germany.

U-BOAT LOSSES LOW RECORD

Twelve Vessels of More Than 1,600 Tons Sunk by Submarines—France Loses Six Vessels.

London.—A marked decrease in the destruction of British merchant vessels by submarines is indicated in the weekly admiralty statement issued. Twelve vessels of more than 1,600 tons and six of less than 1,600 tons were sent to the bottom, as compared with 29 in the large and three in the small category sunk the previous week. Four fishing vessels also were lost.

The arrivals at British ports were 2,744 and sailings 2,868.

The statement shows the smallest number of large vessels sunk since Germany began her intensified submarine campaign.

FOOD EXPORTS SHOW GAINS

Washington.—The value of breadstuffs, meat and dairy products, cotton and cottonseed and mineral oils exported in the seven months ending in July aggregated \$1,007,048,190, as compared with \$733,981,011 for the same period last year. The gross increase was nearly \$273,000,000. Breadstuffs advanced from \$251,715,860 to \$373,595,593; meat and dairy products from \$157,542,568 to \$235,868,319; and mineral oils from \$112,024,818 to \$133,420,182.

Child Drowns in Stock Trough.

Crockett, Tex.—Ora Dell, the 7-year-old daughter of Curtis Arnold, a farmer near here, was drowned in a stock watering tank.

Cipriano Castro in America.

An Atlantic Port.—Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, arrived here on a Spanish steamship from a Mexican port. He declined to discuss the purpose of his visit to this country.

Socialist Conference Abandoned.

Geneva.—The Swiss Socialists have been informed that, owing to violation of neutrality by Sweden, the much discussed conference at Stockholm has been definitely abandoned, even by the Germans.

Edis Patriotic Book.

Chicago.—To edit a "patriotic manual" that will be placed in the hands of every school teacher in the United States, Mrs. Edis Flagg Young has gone to Washington at the request of Secretary McAdoo.

1,000 Appeals to President.

Washington, D. C.—More than 1,000 appeals for army exemption appealing to the president, the final judge of appeals, on the ground that the war is indispensable to a war, are now on file.

LANSING SISTERS GOING TO FRANCE



The Misses Emma and Katherine Lansing, the sisters of Secretary of State Robert Lansing, will serve in France as canteen aids in providing the many small luxuries the soldiers call for. They will go to Europe with a Red Cross unit.

RIOTING IN BUENOS AIRES

GERMAN STORES LOOTED AND HOUSES WRECKED.

Police Wound Seven Rioters and Placed Teutonic Legations Under Heavy Guard.

Buenos Aires.—The rioting which began here in an anti-German demonstration, following the handing of passports to the German minister, Count Luxburg, continued throughout the night. Every German business house and restaurant in the downtown district was wrecked. The German club and several other buildings were damaged seriously by fire. The police wounded seven rioters seriously when they fired into the crowd. Three of the injured are expected to die.

At first the crowds were so unmanageable that the police closed all the streets leading to the German legation and consulate. The archives in these buildings were taken to storage vaults for safe keeping. Firemen, armed with rifles, prevented the mob from destroying the offices of the German Transatlantic Co., which supplies the city light. Heavy forces of provincial troops are guarding the railway over which the German minister will arrive from the Andes.

The cabinet approved the action of President Ezequiel in preventing passports to Count Luxburg. It is said to have considered similar action in the case of Baron Lowan, the Swedish minister, but no action will be taken pending the receipt of further details from Washington or Stockholm.

MOONEY DENIED NEW TRIAL

Frank Oxman, Charged With Perjury in Same Connection, Will Be Tried Soon.

San Francisco.—Thomas J. Mooney, under sentence of death for murder growing out of a bomb explosion here last year, which killed 10 persons, was denied a new trial by the state supreme court. The denial was based on the consent of State Attorney General U. S. Webb for reversal of judgment and not on the record in the case.

In its decision the court held that it had no power under the constitution to consider matters outside the record in the case and that "authorities declare such application should be made to the executive rather than the judicial arm of the state government."

The attorney-general's consent to a new trial for Mooney followed the exposure of Frank C. Oxman's alleged attempt to suborn perjury in the case. Webb at that time declared Mooney was entitled to a new trial "in the interest of justice."

Oxman, who was a material witness against Mooney, will be brought to trial soon.

Garfield Urges Coal Saving.

Washington.—Through the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Dr. H. A. Garfield, fuel administrator, has appealed to American business to assist in the conservation of coal.

Military Drill in Chicago Schools.

Chicago.—Drill in most of the public schools of Chicago was begun under direction of Lieut. Denny of Wash college and a staff of seven from an Indiana military academy.

Artillery in France.

American Training Camp, in France.—A large contingent of American artillery has joined the expeditionary army and is well along with its intensive training under French supervisory instruction.

Man-Eating Shark Captured.

Virginia, Md.—A man-eating shark of the hatchfin type was captured here and killed by Capt. Fletcher Thomas in Tangier Sound fish nets. The shark was 8 1/2 feet long, with three rows of teeth.

Supposed Artist Kills Himself.

San Francisco.—After destroying all evidence as to her identity, a beautiful young woman, who registered at a hotel two weeks ago under the name of Miss E. Woods, ended her life.

Woman Convicted of Killing.

St. Johnsbury, Vt.—While Mrs. Sarah Kennison awaited sentence to life imprisonment for the killing of little Alice Bradshaw, a crippled child, state officers were busy on the case of Mrs. Rita May Hicks, who also is to be tried for murder.

GERMANY FORCED TO CHANGE PLANS

U. S. ENTRANCE AND SUCCESS IN WAR HAS HALTED SUBMARINE.

NO MORE ATTACKS IN FORCE

Trebbling Number of Warships and the Fact that No Convoyed Ship Has Been Destroyed, Disheartens Kaiser.

Washington.—A series of important conferences are going here and in London and Paris to find a method of combating the latest development of the German submarine warfare—"attacks in force."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said long dispatches had been received from Admiral Sims, commander of the fleet in Europe of discussions of policy with the allied naval commanders.

The attacks in force, recently resorted to by the Germans are in reality a desperate effort to keep the submarine campaign alive. So successfully have the allied nations, especially America, combated the submarine that the Kaiser's officers have been forced to change their tactics from waylaying and attacking individual ships to actions by fleets of U-boats. More important, they have been compelled to accept a situation where the sacrifice of one or two submarines has been made in order to sink one or two merchantmen.

The reason for the acceptance of these conditions are practically as follows:

1. Practically 100 per cent of the American merchant vessels have been heavily armed with guns manned by expert naval gunners.
2. Increase in the number of armed British vessels and increased efficiency of the crews.
3. Introduction of an airtight system of conveying vessels through the war zone to British and French ports.
4. A trebling of the number of the American warships since the war began.

According to the very best information obtainable from all sources not a single vessel of any kind has been sunk when it was conveyed by the American warships.

BLEEDS THEIR CHILD TO DEATH

Nashville (Tenn.) Couple Confess Murder When Charred Bones Are Exhibited.

Nashville, Tenn.—Finding their infant at birth club-footed and deformed, Lonnie Wilson and his wife bled the baby to death and then burned the body in the fireplace of their home. This confession was made by the parents here, where they are on trial, charged with the murder of the baby.

The infant was born last May. The mother, before the birth of the child, feared it would be deformed. When the baby was laid in her arms her worst fears were realized. It was club-footed and the lower limbs were twisted. After a day or two the parents decided to put the child to death. A vein was opened. After it had bled until life appeared extinct they pricked it with a pin.

The little form ceased to move. Then they put it in the grate and built a fire over it. Neighbors later discovered charred fragments of the body. They were exhibited in evidence when the parents confessed.

HIGH WAGE FOR STEEL MEN

Some Skilled Workers at Youngstown, O., Are Making \$15 Daily—Pay Based on Price of Steel.

Youngstown, O.—Several rollers in steel mills here are earning as much as \$800 a month, or at a rate of approximately \$10,000 a year, as a result of increases granted in a recent agreement with Amalgamated Association Workers, according to managers of the plants. Heaters, roughers and other skilled workers are able to make \$12 to \$15 daily.

The new wage scale is based on the selling price of steel. This has almost doubled the wages given for some classes of work, manufacturers say.

High Hog Prices Explained.

Washington.—One of the reasons for the high cost of pork is seen in estimates of the number of hogs now in the United States, which shows a decrease in the last year of 8.2 per cent.

Mrs. Dewey Honored.

Washington.—Mrs. George Dewey, wife of the late admiral, has accepted the position of chairman of the committee of the Navy League of the United States in response to a popular demand.

Fired on Sinking Crews.

London.—Statements from the survivors of two U-boat attacks are on file with the British admiralty, and both show the crews of the submarines fired on the crews that had taken to the life boats.

700 Officers Get Assignments.

Leavenworth, Kan.—The 700 provisional lieutenants under instruction at the fort here have been assigned to regiments. Only a few of the 700 have been placed with regiments now on duty in France.

Navy Wants Only Skilled Men.

Washington.—Except for skilled mechanics no more recruits will be accepted for the navy for the next three months. The personnel is now well above the 200,000 mark, said Secretary Daniels.

SCOTT IS OUSTED FROM STATE BODY

TRAFFIC IN STATE COAL GETS HIGH OFFICIAL IN MUCH TROUBLE.

RATCLIFF IS HIS SUCCESSOR

Move to Dismiss Recalcitrant Officer Is Unanimous—Bills Paid to Him, but He Did Not Pay State, It Is Alleged.

Jefferson City, Mo.

The state board on permanent seat of government elected Louis Ratcliff of Moberly commissioner of permanent seat of government to succeed John W. Scott, removed because of reported traffic by him in state coal.

Gov. Gardner has instructed Attorney-General McAllister to assist L. Sevier, prosecuting attorney of Cole county, in the investigation.

In a statement Gov. Gardner intimates that he will not permit any state employee to traffic in any merchandise purchased by the state. He said the line could not be too sharply drawn between the rights of the state and the rights of individuals.

Scott was dismissed by the state officials constituting the board in charge of the state capital. The motion to dismiss Scott was made by Attorney-General McAllister and seconded by State Auditor Hackmann. Every member voted in the affirmative.

This action was the outcome of printed stories to the effect that Scott had been permitting certain officials and private citizens to get coal from the state at the contract price which the state was paying.

Last June, after the state heating plant had closed down, Scott allowed ex-State Auditor John P. Gordon a car of coal that was billed to him as commissioner of the permanent seat of government and which was certified to the auditor by Scott and paid for by the state. This car, containing some 40 tons, cost the state \$116. The ex-auditor says he paid for every pound of this coal, or rather that the bill was paid by his son, Morris Gordon, state superintendent of the building and loan associations.

Flying Corps Needs.

I. B. Dunlap of Kansas City, member of the state council of defense, who is in charge of aviation recruits, has sent a communication to Secretary Saunders of the state council, in which he desires to correct a statement to the effect that the enlistments for first lieutenant commissions have closed. Enlistments are open, he says, for 8,000 flyers and 100,000 members of the reserve corps, and applications can be made to him in Kansas City for any of these places. The enlistments are open from lieutenant down for men between 19 and 30 years of age. The pay ranges from \$30 to \$60 a month. This includes the aeroplane and balloon sections. Enlistments of men following these vocations are desired: Blacksmiths, cabinet makers, chauffeurs, clerks, draftsmen, sailmakers, radio men, metal workers, toolmakers, instrument repair men, photographers, painters, plumbers and bricklayers.

Judge's Son Sued for Divorce.

Mrs. Bernice Woodson has filed a suit for divorce from Arch Woodson, son of Judge A. M. Woodson of the Missouri supreme court, whom she married Nov. 21, 1912. She asked for custody of two children and \$50 a month alimony.

Woodson has been employed as supreme court stenographer and his salary in that capacity was \$1,500 a year. Mrs. Woodson alleged he made her married life intolerable.

Pledge of "Disloyal."

Definite steps are being taken to suppress any disloyalty in any form in Missouri by the Missouri Council of Defense.

A complete plan of action has been formulated by the U. S. Secret service in conjunction with the proper state officials.

It has been said that the discovery of certain documents which contained the pledge which the peace advocates urge, on analysis is found to be very much after the Kaiser's manner of speaking, and it is also alleged that the secret papers were prepared in the "fatherland."

Full Value Favored.

Chairman Cornelius Roach of the state tax commission said at a public hearing that St. Louis property ought to be assessed at \$2,000,000,000, instead of \$650,000,000, and that some counties in the state assess realty as low as 5 per cent of its actual value.

Two Pardoned by Gardner.

On recommendation of the state prison board, Gov. Gardner granted pardons to two men who served terms in the state's prison, restoring all civil rights to them. Fred R. Porth was discharged under parole in January, 1916. He was serving a four-year sentence for grand larceny in St. Louis.

Peter Rank was Sent to the Penitentiary.

Peter Rank was sent to the penitentiary from St. Louis under sentence of five years for highway robbery and was discharged under the three-fourths rule Dec. 3, 1905.

Will Reimburse Bonds.

Members of district registration draft boards in St. Louis will be reimbursed for headquarters rent and salary which they have paid out of their own pockets just as soon as Adj. Gen. McCord can audit and cash the vouchers, he stated. He is busy working on these vouchers now. About \$8,000 has been paid out in St. Louis.

There is much "red tape" to cashing of the warrants, many of them being sent back by the war department when not properly made.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

The Rev. C. J. Buck of Arlington, Minn., was arrested by Sheriff Talbot at Mayview and taken to Lexington. He is charged with a speech against the United States and favoring Germany in the war.

Mystery surrounds the death of William W. Steely, 48 years old, of Ash Grove, whose body was discovered recently in Sinking creek, a half mile south of Everton. Steely had drowned in ten inches of water.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been earned by self-supporting students of the Missouri university in the last eighteen years through the help of the Y. M. C. A. employment bureau.

On the eve of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the government land office in Springfield plans to abolish it are being made and within a few weeks the office will be closed. J. H. Bowen, for many years register, was not reappointed and G. A. Leavitt of the Washington land office has taken charge.

Private Archibald F. Reynolds, Company F, First Infantry, was taken to the state hospital for the insane at Nevada, violently deranged. The man had shown no symptoms of insanity previously, his companions say, but became unbalanced during the night.

A special election has been called in St. Clair county for October 9 to pass upon the question of compromising the old railroad bond indebtedness. Judgments in the federal courts against the county total \$550,000.

Professor A. P. Steele, dean of the Kirksville Normal school for several years and one of the best known educators in Missouri, died recently at Kirksville of heart disease.

Amelia Hilton, 3 years old, was fatally burned at Crane the other day while playing with a box of matches.

The quarantine on the medical detachment of the Fourth Regiment from Louisiana, Mo., placed with the discovery of what was believed by physicians to be a case of spinal meningitis in the camp, was lifted after a consultation of the medical staff of the camp. The case proved under microscopic examination to be not meningitis, only a reaction from antityphoid serum, which had been injected in the afflicted man two days before. The symptoms of meningitis and the antityphoid reaction, it was said, are nearly identical.

Secretary Bylander of the Missouri State Fair has been advised that Mrs. Fred D. Gardner, wife of the governor of Missouri, will leave the state of California September 15, and will represent Missouri at the historical pageant to be given at the fair in Sedalia Monday night, September 24. Nearly two thousand people will take part in the pageant.

Men who fraudulently pretended to represent the St. Louis Women's central committee on food conservation, or the United States food survey, have obtained considerable quantities of canned food and preserves from St. Louis housewives.

One of the largest single apple deals ever consummated in the Mark Twain region was closed when M. W. Caldwell, a broker of Topeka, Kas., purchased 25,000 barrels of apples in orchards between Springfield and Aurora, paying an average price of \$1 per barrel.

R. M. Knight, 53 years old secretary of the joint protective board of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, of the Frisco system, died suddenly in a hotel at Springfield recently. His home was at Sapulpa, Ok.

It cost John Bilyeu, youthful feudist, \$300 to shoot Guy Hilton, July 13. A jury in Christian County recently found Bilyeu guilty of the charge of felonious assault.

John D. Direk, retired Pettis County farmer who was born in Ohio seventy-five years ago, is dead of paralysis, near Sedalia.

The first twelve soldiers from Saline county were given a reception by citizens of Marshall on the eve of their departure for Camp Funston. The ministers' alliance presented each boy with a Bible.

Mrs. Virginia Best, 78 years old, widow of the late Dr. John Best, northeast Missouri pioneer physician, is dead at the home of her son, John Best, Jr., at Elgin Hill.

That the Ham's Prairie coal field, south of Fulton, said to be underlain with one of the finest veins of coal in the state, is soon to be developed by a syndicate, is a report based on the activities of W. E. Ringle of Pittsburg, Kas., and J. R. Meredith of Joplin, who already have secured a number of leases and are still at work.

Adam Orth, 25 years old, dropped dead on the dancing platform at the Labor Day picnic, at Lexington, while dancing. He has a wife and family in Kansas or Colorado.

A case of spinal meningitis has appeared in the camp of the Missouri troops at Nevada, according to an announcement given out at bridge headquarters. The patient, whose name is withheld, is a member of the medical detachment of the Fourth Infantry from Louisiana.

Capt. William Smoot, 97 years old, is dead at Pleasant Hill. A native of Virginia, he came to Missouri as a young man and was a river captain for many years, running chiefly on the Osage river.